

The table below is from my specialist report on livestock grazing in the Goose Creek watershed, for the “Big 6” FEIS & ROD. It contains the correct adaptive strategies for the Little Goose C&H allotment. I found the FEIS to be in error; the adaptive strategies identified listed in the document are an exact duplication of those for the Little Goose Canyon C&H allotment.

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**Table B-7.**

| <i>Little Goose C&amp;H Allotment</i>   | <i>Trigger</i>  | <i>Actions to Consider</i>   |
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| Remove or restore Little Goose cow camp.  | Responsible permittee no longer wishes to make use of the improvement.  | Determine interest from other permittees on the allotment. If there is interest, work with interested permittee(s) to restore the cow camp.<br><br>If there is no interest, the improvement (buildings, corrals and fences) will be removed.   |
| Improve livestock distribution through construction of structural range improvements. | Annual use monitoring indicates livestock distribution is inadequate in the Little Goose Park 2 years in any 3 year period.<br><br><b>AND</b><br><br>Riding will not correct the issue.   | Construct a new pipeline to a stock tank in the north end of the Little Goose Park pasture.  |
| Combine in rotation with the Big Goose C&H or Rapid Creek C&H allotments, or both.    | If requested by the permittee(s)<br><br><b>OR</b><br><br>Benchmark or other long-term monitoring indicates rangeland vegetation is not moving towards desired conditions within 5-10 years of signed decision or implementation of most recent adaptive strategy.<br><br><b>OR</b><br><br>Annual use monitoring indicates guidelines are not being met 4 years in any 5 year period following signed decision or implementation of the most recent adaptive strategy. | This action should only be considered if all of the following can be met:<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The On-date and planned rotations address the needs of all pastures to be used in the rotation.</li> <li>• Total number of livestock to be grazed is appropriate for all pastures to be used in the rotation (may be less than total permitted).</li> <li>• Verify that trails to be used are capable of sustaining the level of use.</li> </ul> |

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| Annually reduce livestock numbers and/or grazing duration in one or more pastures. | Negative Grazing Response Index (GRI) score in any pasture 2 years in any 5 year period.  | Review pasture rotation schedule. If pasture rotation will not provide for neutral or positive GRI in all pastures, work with affected permittee(s) to determine the appropriate numbers and/or season. |
| Use temporary electric fence to increase the number of pastures                    | Negative Grazing Response Index (GRI) score in any pasture 2 years in any 5 year period.  | Work with affected permittee(s) to determine viable location(s).  |
| Permanently adjust stocking of the allotment                                       | <p>Benchmark or other long-term monitoring indicates rangeland vegetation is not meeting or moving towards desired conditions.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Annual use monitoring indicates guidelines are not being met 4 years in any 5 year period.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>All above listed adaptive strategies have been attempted or discarded.</p>             | Determine the appropriate stocking level for the allotment and reduce permits accordingly.  |
|  | <p>Events or actions take place on the allotment resulting in an increase in suitable acres.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Benchmark or other long-term monitoring indicates rangeland vegetation is meeting or moving towards desired conditions.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Annual use monitoring indicates guidelines are being met 4 years in any 5 year period.</p> | Determine the appropriate stocking level for the allotment and increase permits accordingly.  |